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Also some observations and Directions to the Knights, Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of *Yorke-shire*, and other the Northerne Counties.

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Of the Lords and Commons in PARLIAMENT,

With some Directions to the Knights, Gentlemen, and other inhabitants of *Yorkeshire*, and the other Northerne Counties.

WE the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, have perused and seriously considered a Letter sent from many of the Principall Knights, Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the County of Yorke: directed to a worthy Knight of that County, being a Member of the

House of Commons, and intended for information of both Houses of Parliament, concerning his Maiesties purpose of rayſing his Standard at Nottingham, the preſent ſtate of the Northerne parts, and the growing miſchiefes and miſeries like to overwhelme the whole Kingdome, by the great oppreſſions exerciſed upon his Maieſties ſubiects there, and other unlawfull and dangerous councels and proceedings of thoſe, who under pretence of his Maieſties Service, are laying the foundation of an Arbitrary and Tyrannicall Government, or rather confuſion and diſſolution, not only in thoſe parts, but in the whole Kingdome: upon which and other informations and diſcoveries, we thinke fit to publiſh and declare ſome few obſervations, whereby the good ſubiects of this Kingdome may better diſcerne their owne danger, and bee ſtirred up with more earneſtneſſe, to aſſiſt us in the Maintenance of Religion, and of the common Iuſtice and Liberty of the Kingdome, which ſeemes to be in no leſſe hazard, then if we had an Army of the Iriſh Rebels in the bowels of the Land.

The firſt Obſervation is this, that now it plainely appeares to the world, that there was good ground of thoſe Feares and Iealouſies ſo often expreſſed by both Houſes, That his Maieſty intended to make War againſt his Parliament: and that the many Oathes, Proteſtations and Execrations, publiſhed in his Maieſties Name, diſclayming any ſuch purpoſe of warre, were nothing but the deviſes of thoſe wicked Counſellors about Him, that under ſuch diſguiſes and pretentions of Peace, they might more cloſely Arme and

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prepare themſelves for Warre, and by violence to ſuppreſſe the Parliament, and ſo to make way for the accompliſhment of their owne deſignes for the alteration of Religion, and the Goverment of the Kingdome.

The ſecond, that this Warre is ſaid to bee for the Defence of the Proteſtant Religion, and yet the moſt diligent Aſſiſtants and Promoters of it are Papiſts, and that corrupt and ſuperſtitious part of the Clergy that were running towards Popery: wherein the Papiſts are ſo fervent, that they not onely ſend in Horſe and Armes, but the better to qualifie their Perſons for this preſent ſervice, many heretofore conſtant Recuſants doe now reſort to Church, and take the oaths of ſupremacy and alleagiance, and with what affections they looke upon the reformed Religion, is evident in the ſpeeches of thoſe, who robb'd M. *Marwoods* houſe calling his wife Proteſtant whore and Puritane, who being a very vertuous Gentlewoman and of good quality, onely the hatred of Religion was it which provoked them to ſuch ignominious language, which by thoſe popiſh Cavaleeres is proſecuted under the name of Round-head, as it hath beene by the Prelaticall Clergy, under the name of Puritane.

A third that Armes are taken from the honeſt Gentlemen, Yeomen and Townſmen, and put into the hands of ſuch deſperate perſons as cannot live, but by rapine and ſpoyle.

A fourth, that notwithſtanding all the vowes and

protestations to governe by Law, which have beene dispersed through out the Kingdome to blind and deceive the people, The most mischeivous principalls of tyranny are practised that ever were invented, that is to disarme the middle sort of people, who are the body of the Kingdome, and to maintaine Souldiers by forced contribution, to create a provinciall government in the *North*, cleerely against the common Law, and the judgement given in this Parliament for taking away the Court at *Yorke*, That the contrivers and instruments of these mischeifes, for their better strengthning in these designes, are about to joyne themselves in an association with other Counties, That directions are given that such as shall oppose, or not joyne with them shall be violently plundered and pillaged.

For the prevention of these growing evills, and mischiefes the Lords and Commons doe declare,

That all well affected and good Subjects, who shall be plundred, pillaged, and suffer in their estates by any of the Cavaleers or other Forces raised without consent of Parliament, shall have full reparation of their damages out of the estates of those who have beene actors, and councellors in such violences, as likewise out of the estates of all such persons in any part of the Kingdome whatsoever, who have withdrawne themselves to *Yorke*, and shall persist to serve the King in this war against the Parliament, by any subscription, contribution, or otherwise have given assistance and countenance to the maintenance thereof.

That

That it ſhall be lawfull for any number of perſons to joyne together, and to defend themſelves and others from Rapine and Force: And the Earle of Eſſex Lord Generall of the forces raiſed by the Lords Commons, for the defence of Religion and Liberties, and for protection of the oppreſſed Subjects of this Kingdome, and Lieutenant of the County of *Yorke*, is deſired to grant ſuch Commiſſions, for leavying, leading, and conducting, of forces in the Northerne parts, as ſhall be thought requiſite by his Excellencie. And Sir *Iohn Hotham* Governour of *Hull*, is required to give all kinde of aſſiſtance, by the Garriſon of the Towne, and by furniſhing them with ſuch powder, armes, and other Ammunition, as he can ſpare. And for the better inabling of them in this their neceſſary defence,

It is reſolved that further ſupplies of Armes ſhall be ſent thither as ſpeedily as may be.

That the Sheriffe of the Countie of *Yorke* and the Sheriffes of the adjoyning Counties, and all Lieutenants, Deputie Lieutenants, Majors, Juſtices of the Peace, and others his Majeſties Officers and loving Subjects, be aiding and aſſiſting to them in defence of his Majeſties Subjects from all Oppreſſion and Violence with the power of the Counties and Trayned Bands.

That it ſhall be lawfull for any of his Majeſties Subjects to diſarme all Popiſh Recuſants, to ſeize upon the Perſons of all ſuch as ſhall Execute the Illegall Commiſſion of Array, or ſhall be actors and

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assistants in any of the aforementioned oppressions and violences, or shall furnish any Horse Armes Money or other Aide or Contribution for the Maintenance of this unnaturall Warre Raised by his Majestie against his Parliament: And to Seize upon their Horses Armes Money and other Provisions whereby they might be enabled to disturbe the Peace of the Kingdome.

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